

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 18 and 23 being independent. Claim 28 has been added. Support for claim 28 may be found in the application at least at Fig. 5. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-12 and 18-27.

Independent claim 13 and its dependent claim 16 have been rejected as being anticipated by Yang (U.S. Patent No. 5,793,460). Independent claim 13 recites, among other features, that a first electrode is overlapped at 70% or more of an area thereof with a second electrode. Yang does not describe or suggest this feature.

In Yang, the gate electrode 12, which the Examiner equates to the recited first electrode, does not overlap at 70% or more of an area thereof with the pixel electrode 17, which the Examiner equates to the recited second electrode. Rather, as shown in Fig. 2A, the gate electrode 12 and the pixel electrode 17 do not overlap at all.

For at least this reason, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of claim 13 and its dependent claim 16.

Independent claim 13 and its dependent claims 14, 15 and 17 have been rejected as being anticipated by Yamazaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,531,713). Independent claim 13 recites, among other features, that a gate wiring is formed on an insulating film and that the gate wiring and a second electrode are provided on and are in physical contact with the same insulating film. Yamazaki does not describe or suggest this feature.

In the Office Action, the Examiner equates a step portion of Yamazaki's drain wiring 4405 with the recited gate wiring. The step portion of the drain wiring 4405, however, is just that, a part of a drain wiring, and, therefore, is not a gate wiring. While Yamazaki does disclose a gate wiring 4403, the gate wiring 4403 and the drain wiring 4405, which the Examiner equates to the recited second electrode, are not provided on and in physical contact with the same insulating film, as claimed. Rather, as shown in Fig. 21, the gate wiring 4403 is provided on and

is in physical contact with an insulating film that is different from the insulating film on which the drain wiring 4405 is provided and with which the drain wiring 4405 is in physical contact.

For at least these reasons, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of claim 13 and its dependent claims 14, 15 and 17.

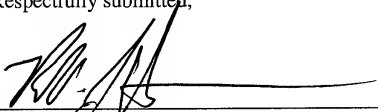
Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

The fees in the amount of \$170 for 1 extra dependent claim (\$50) and one-month extension of time (\$120) are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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